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Preface



USING JSAS IN ADMINISTRATOR MODE

The *Administrator Mode* gives the Principal, as well as others, access to forms not available to others at the school. This mode can be password protected as explained in the *Installation & Setup Manual* in Chapter 3 on page 58. When you access this mode, all the buttons available in *Teacher Mode* is also available, along with additional buttons. Some of the buttons available in *Administrator Mode* are also explained in the *Installation & Setup Manual*.

Administrator Mode

1. To access the *Administrator Mode*, click on the *Administrator Mode* button shown in Figure 0.1 below

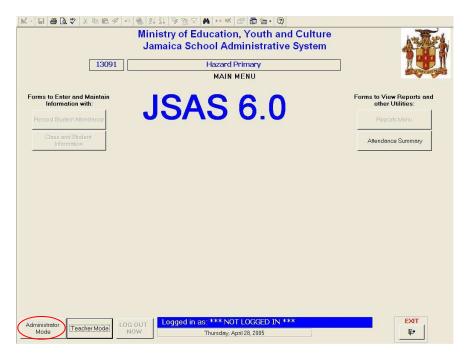


Figure 0.1

2. The Administrator Mode Form will appear asking for the password, as shown on Figure 0.2, if created as explained in the *Installation & Setup Manual* on page 58.

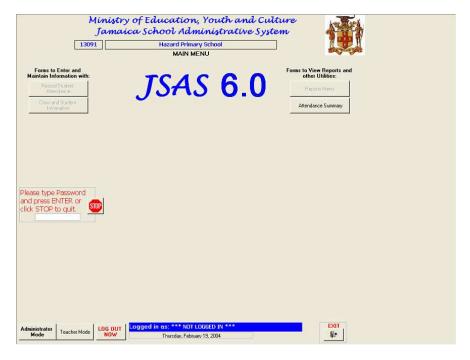


Figure 0.2

3. Press *Enter* on the keyboard and the form shown in Figure 0.3 will appear.

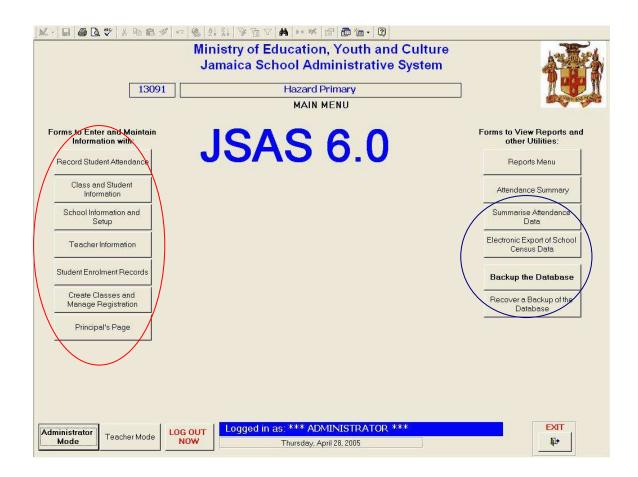


Figure 0.3





PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

The *Principal's Page* is one of many reporting aspects of this software. It reports at the school level, teacher level, and the grade level. This report shows the levels of the classes and where improvements can be made.

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Principal's Page

The *Principal's Page* Form displays buttons that produce a variety of reports. These reports are categorized by teacher and by class.

Setting Up the Principal's Page for Report Generation

Click on Principal's Page as circled in red in Figure 1.1.

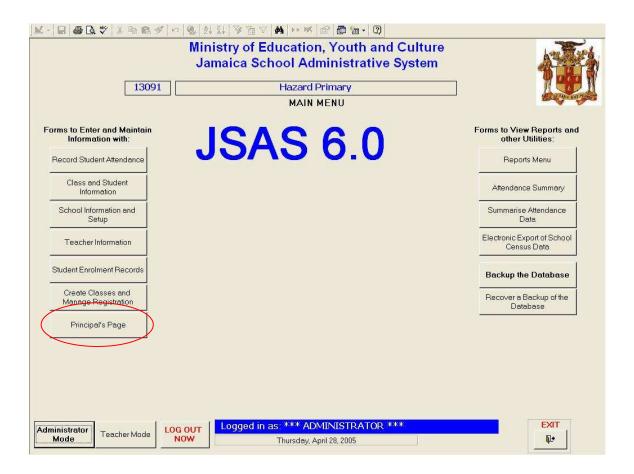


Figure 1.1

1. The page defaults to *All Grades*. A *School Year* and *Term* must be selected. Select the *School Year*, *Term* and a specific *Grade* by clicking on the down arrow list boxes. (Figure 1.2)

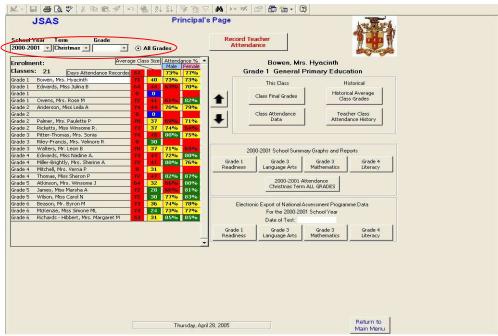


Figure 1.2

2. The information will appear as shown in Figure 1.3.

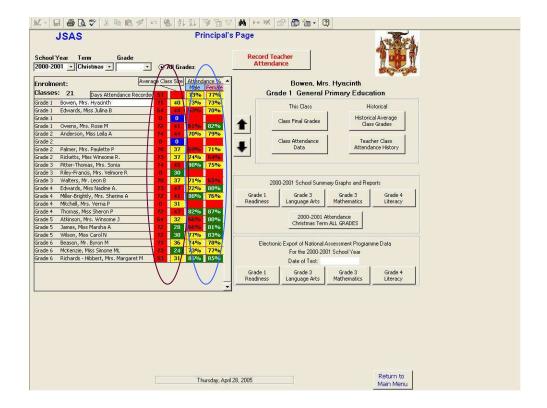


Figure 1.3

The following data appears next to each teacher's name using the colour-coding key:

- The *Days Attendance Recorded* appears as follows: Blue=90% or better, Green=80% 89.99%, Yellow=70% 79.99%, Red=Less than 70%.
- The *Average Class Size* shows the average number of students that were in the class for the term: Blue = 20 or less, Green = 21-30, Yellow = 31-40, Red = 41 or more.
- The *Attendance* % shows the percentage of attended days of the class for the term: Blue=90% or better, Green=80% 89.99%, Yellow=70% 79.99%, Red=Less than 70%.

Charts and Reports for a Particular Class

The buttons located to the right of the class lists are used for charts and reports: *Class Final Grades, Historical Average Class Grade, Class Attendance Data and Teacher Attendance History.*

- Each form will have an *Exit Form* button to close this report. (Figure 1.4)
- Each form has a printer icon beside the *Exit Form* button to print the reports.

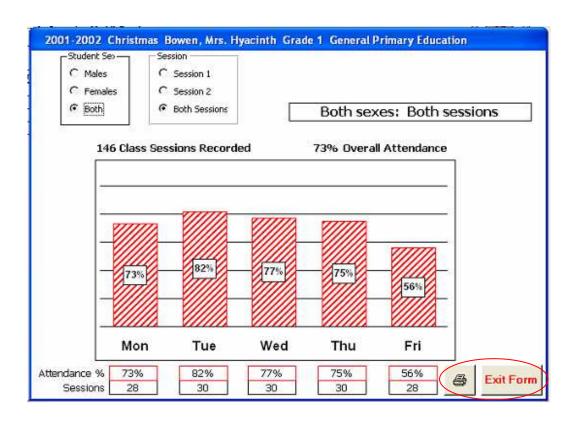


Figure 1.4

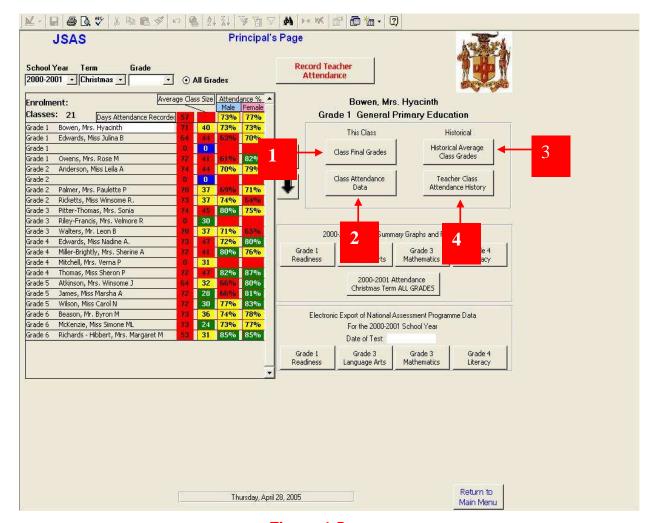


Figure 1.5

3. The *Class Final Grades* button shown in Figure 1.5 displays a chart of the distribution of the final average grade by sex for the term. (Figure 1.6)

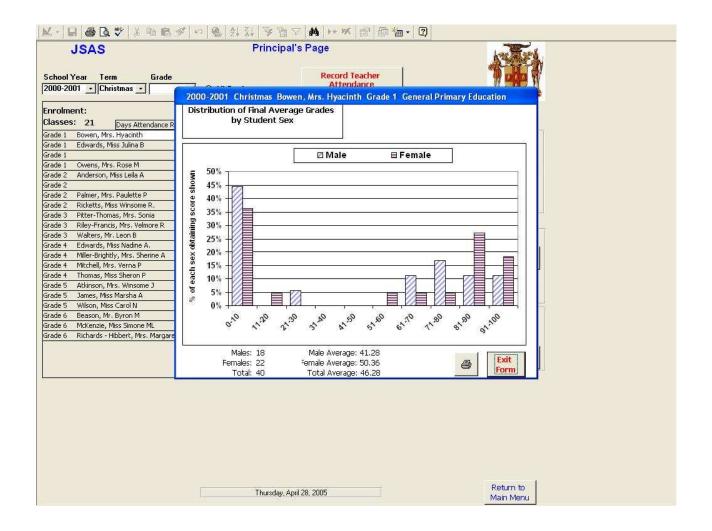


Figure 1.6

4. The *Class Attendance Data* button shown in Figure 1.5 displays a chart that shows the attendance pattern for the class for this term. (Figure 1.7)

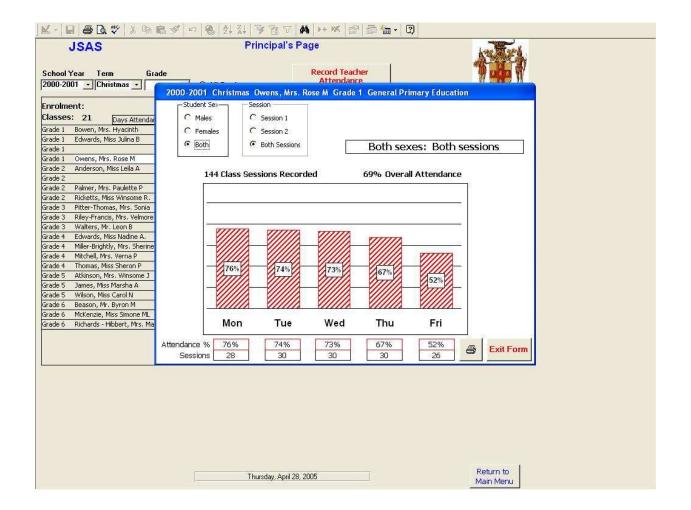


Figure 1.7

NB: This chart can be modified to show the attendance pattern for either male or female for both sessions or either session 1 or session 2. To modify this chart, click the appropriate check box under Student Sex and Session.

5. The *Historical Average Class Grades* button shown in Figure 1.5 displays a form that shows the average grades for all the classes that this teacher has taught at the school. (Figure 1.8)

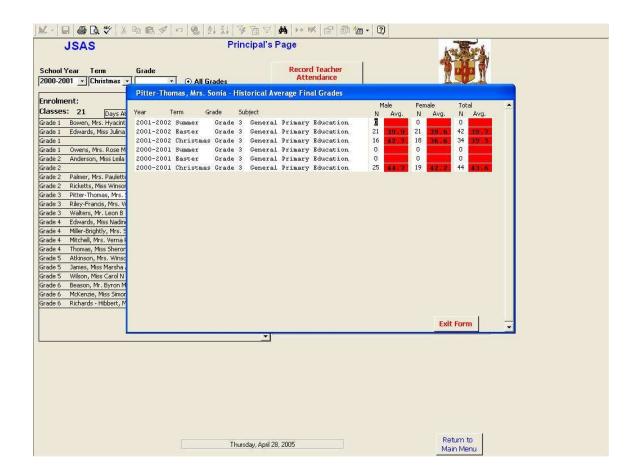


Figure 1.8

6. The *Teacher Class Attendance History* button shown in Figure 1.5 displays a form that shows the average attendance for males, females, total and the days recorded. (Figure 1.9)

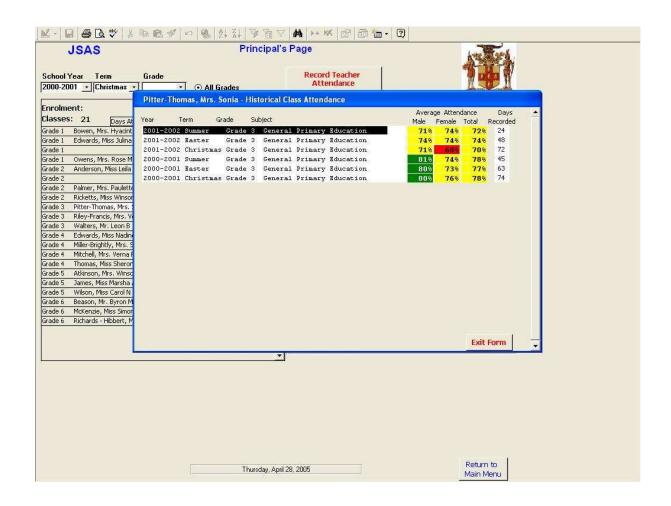


Figure 1.9

School Summary Graphs and Reports

The buttons below the *Charts and Reports for a Particular Class* buttons are used to generate reports for the overall performance of the students within a grade or for the entire school: *Grade 1 Readiness*, *Grade 3 Language Arts*, *Grade 3 Mathematics*, *Grade 4 Literacy* and *Term Attendance (term dependent)*.

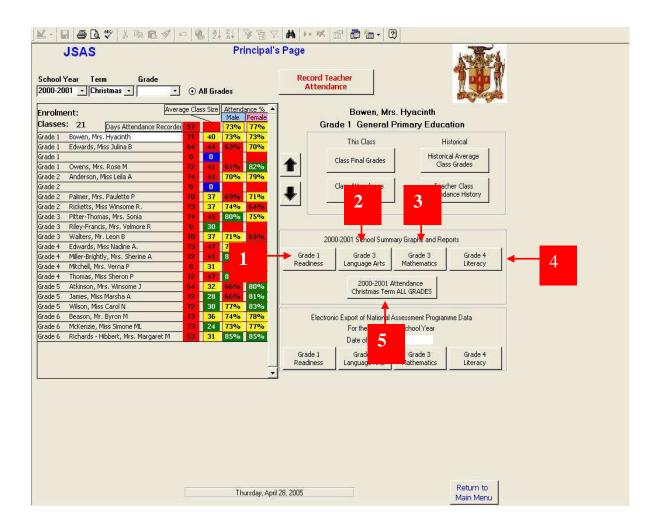


Figure 1.10

1. The *Grade 1 Readiness* button shown in Figure 1.10 generates the report shown in Figure 1.11, which shows the performance of all the students in Grade 1 that were tested. This chart breaks down the student performance in each category in which they were tested.

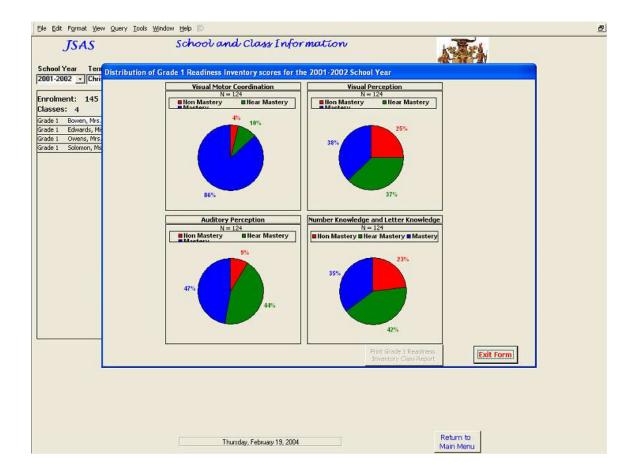


Figure 1.11

- 2. The other three buttons: *Grade 3 Language Arts*, *Grade 3 Mathematics* and *Grade 4 Literacy* generate similar reports.
- 3. The *Term Attendance* button shown in Figure 1.10 generates the summary graph shown in Figure 1.12. The summary graph can display attendance in separate sessions or both and combine both genders or separately.

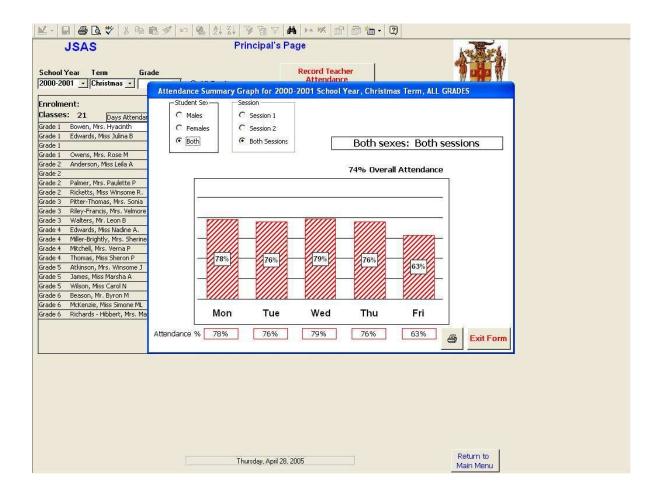


Figure 1.12

4. The *All Grades* checkbox circled in red on Figure 1.13 gains access to charts and other reports on all the classes in the school.

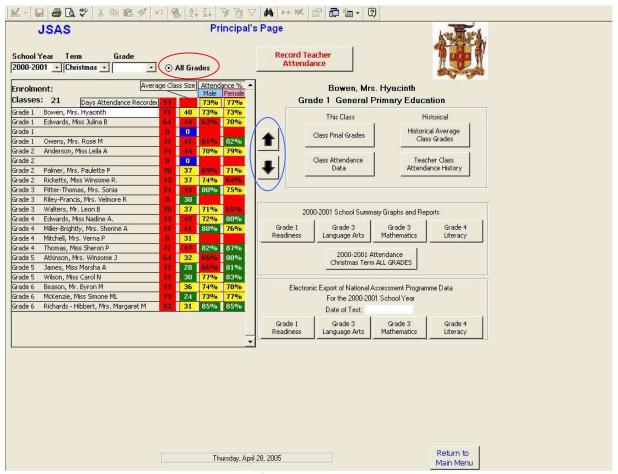


Figure 1.13

5. The two arrows (circled in blue on Figure 1.13) to the side of the class listings are used to navigate back and forth through the list to access reports pertaining to specific teachers.

Electronic Export of National Assessment Programme Data

This section of the *Principal's Page* gives access to the school's **National Assessment Tests** and exports them to a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet and stored in memory (i.e. hard drive, CD-ROM, DVD).

1. Click on the *Grade 1 Readiness* Button as shown in Figure 1.14.

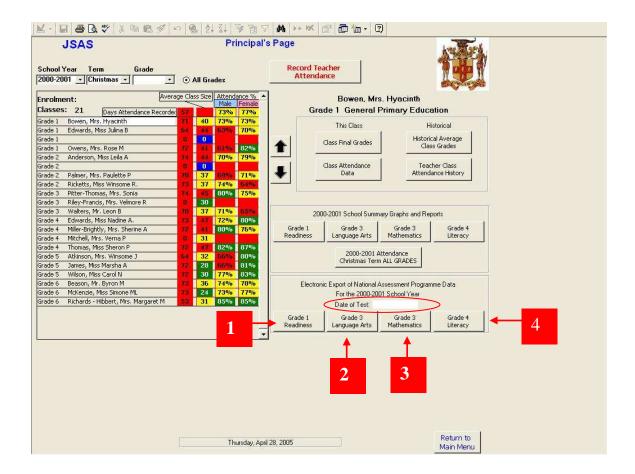


Figure 1.14

- 2. A calendar screen will appear prompting for the date of the test. (Figure 1.15)
 - a. Click on the calendar icon, Figure 1.20, and the pop up form appears.
 - b. The day, week, and month navigation buttons navigate to the appropriate date. Use the arrow keys beside these buttons to find the date needed to mark the attendance.
- 3. Click on the *Use the Date Selected* button.

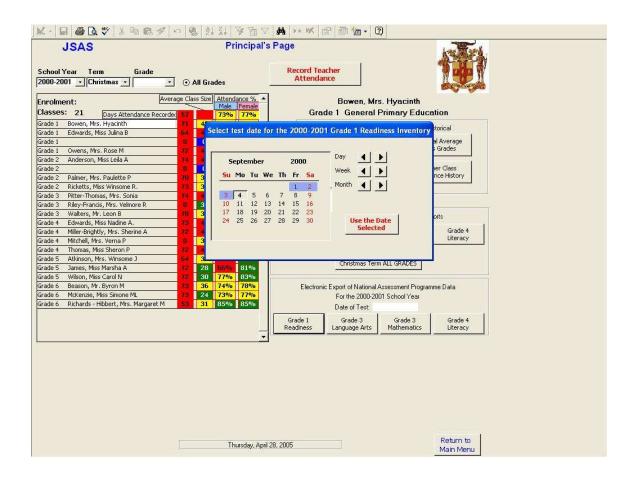


Figure 1.15

4. A *Save* dialog box will appear asking for a directory path. Once the document is saved, it can be imported into Microsoft Excel or an Open Source software, such as Open Office. (Figure 1.16)

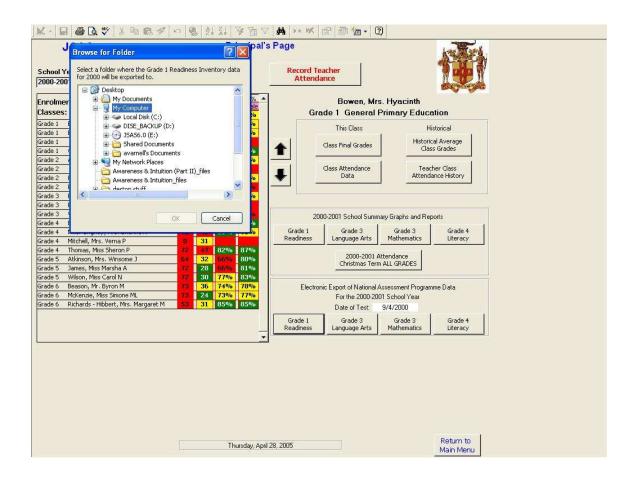


Figure 1.16

5. A dialog box appears showing the path and success of the file exported as indicated in Figure 1.17. Click *OK*.

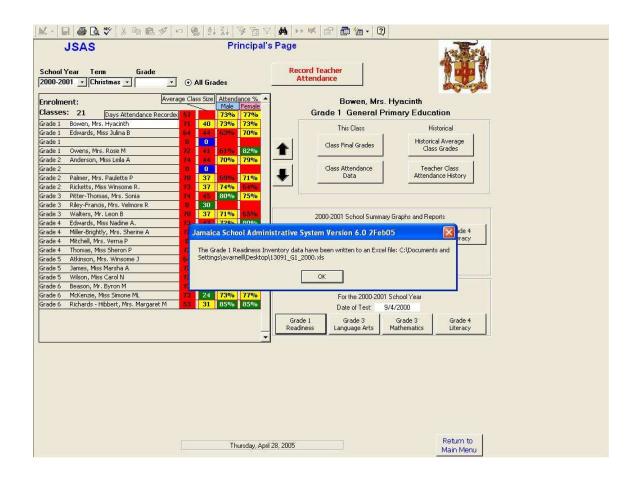


Figure 1.17

N.B. Use these steps for each of the buttons in this section. The date of the test is determined by the specific test being exported.

The Record Teachers Attendance Form

A teacher's attendance is recorded and reports can be generated through the *Principal's Page*. It is important that the *Administrator Mode* be password protected.

N.B. The Administrator Mode gives the Principal, well as others, access to forms not available to others at the school. See the Installation & Setup Manual in Chapter 3 on page 58.

1. Click the *Record Teacher Attendance* button circled in red on Figure 1.18 to access the *Record Teacher Attendance* form and begin marking attendance for the teachers.

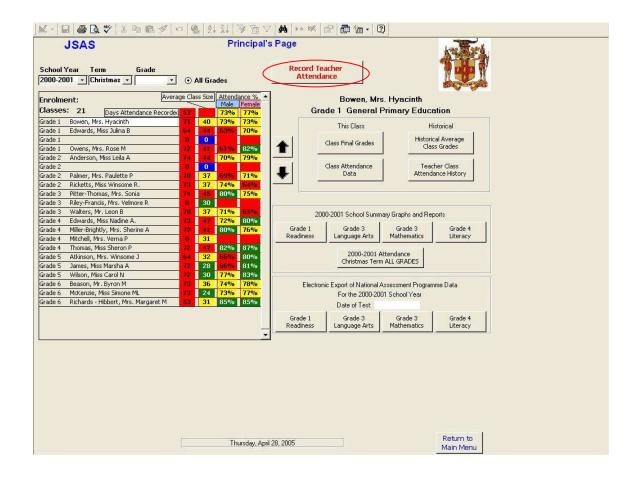


Figure 1.18

2. The *Record Student Attendance* Form appears as shown in Figure 1.19.

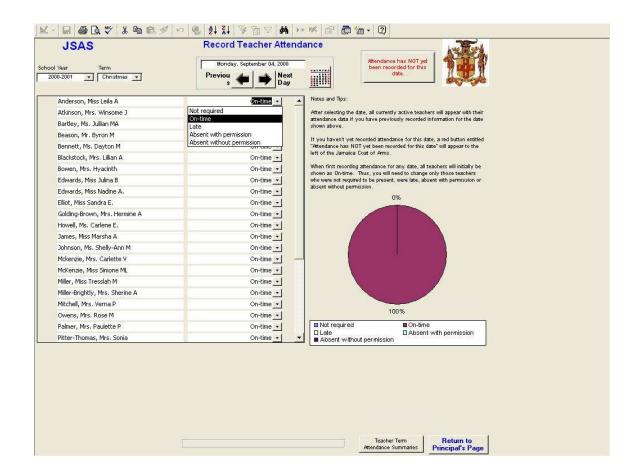


Figure 1.19

3. The *Record Teacher Attendance* Form lists each teacher alphabetically, marked *On-time* beginning at the start date of the term. The date can be changed by clicking on the arrows or clicking on the calendar icon as shown in Figure 1.20. Click the arrow, *Next Day* or *Previous Day*, until a suitable date is located as indicated in red in Figure 1.20.

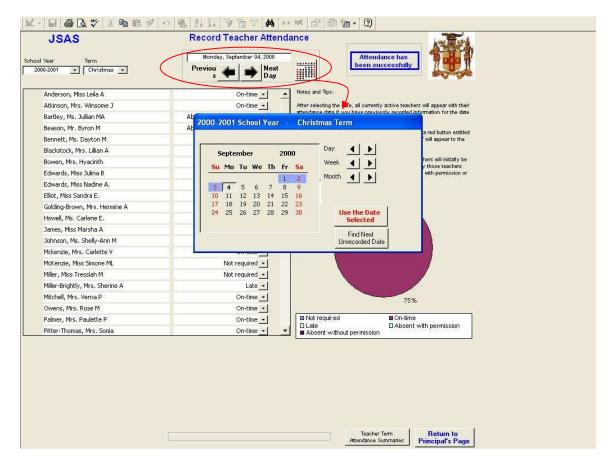


Figure 1.20

- a. Click on the calendar icon, Figure 1.20, and the pop up form appears.
 - i. The day, week, and month navigation buttons navigate to the appropriate date. Use the arrow keys beside these buttons to find the date needed to mark the attendance.
 - ii. Click on the date on the calendar and then click on the *Use the Date Selected* button.
- 4. Click the down arrow next to the teacher's name and select the attendance record choice. (Figure 1.21)



Figure 1.21

- 5. The graph updates as the entries are made.
- 6. After marking the attendance, the *Click here when finished marking attendance for this date* button must be clicked to save the changes, shown circled in red on Figure 1.21. After the button has been clicked, it will say: *Attendance has been successfully completed*.
- 7. If changes were made to the attendance and the *Return to Principal's Page* button was clicked without saving the changes, a dialog box will appear asking to update the database before exiting. Click *Yes* to update, *No* if to discard the changes.

Generating Teacher Attendance Summaries

The *Teacher Term Attendance Summaries* button is located at the bottom of the *Record Teacher Attendance* Form. This will generate reports of attendance of the teachers at the school.

1. Click on the *Teacher Term Attendance Summaries* button.

2. A report appears listing each teacher's name, the Required Sessions, percentage of *On-time*, *Late*, *Absent With Permission*, and *Absent Without Permission* that the teacher experienced within a term. (Figure 1.22)

Teacher	Required Sessions	O 1-time	Late	Absent With Permission	Absent Without Permission
Anderson, Miss Lelia A	1	100%	183,55	-1100	3770277725
Allinson, Mrs. Winsome J	1	100%	-23	142	-03
Bartley , Ms. Julian M.A.	- 1	3000	- 33	(4)	100%
Beason, Mr. Byron M.	1	- P	98		100%
Bennell, Ms. Daylon M	- 1	100%	50	0.20	45220
Blacks bick, Mrs. Ulfan A	1	100%	23	2.4	23
Bowen, Mrs. Hyadnin	1	100%	- 23		20
Edwards, Miss Julino B	1	100%	200	1920	27.
Edwards, Miss Natire A.	1	100%	900	93 0 65	
Bliof, Miss Santra E.	1	-	100%	19	20
Golding-Brown, Mrs. Hermire A	1.1	100%	25	160	20
Howell, Ms. Carlere E.	-1	100%	57	13557	5 7
James, Miss Marsha A	(3)	4.00E-000	-	100%	**
Johnson, Ms. Shelly-Arm M	(4)	100%	-	76-3	-
Mckerole, Mrs. Carlelle V	1	100%	93	8354	98
McKende, Miss Simore Mil.	2.5	3550	500	(250)	3 %
Miller, Miss Tressiah M	21 5	**	84	141	**
Miler-Brighly, Mrs . Sterice A.	1		100%	1993	20
Mildhell, Mrs., Verns P.	1	100%	46	1920)	27
0 wens, Mrs. Rose M	1	100%	83	93 5 17	
Palmer, Mrs. Paulelle P	- 1	100%	83		- 63
Piller-Thomas, Mrs. Sorta	- 1	100%	_83	193	-87
Richards - Hibber I, Mrs. Margare i M	1	2%	27	100%	257
Rickells , Miss Winsome R.	(3)	30	8.5	100%	**
Riley-Francis, Mrs., Velmore R.	(9)	100%	**		*
Solomon, Ms. Dahla H.	.1	100%	53	88	98
Thomas, Miss Sheron P	1	100%	32	0.50	32.
Thompson, Mrs. Maureen J	1	100%	203	3.00	201
Waker, Mrs. Cleothe M		100%	-83	1993	-87
Wallers , Mir. Leon B	1	100%	200	1520	200
Wilson, Miss Carol N	- 1	100%	20.0	50m33	A.V.

Figure 1.22





SUMMARISE ATTENDANCE DATA

The *Summarise Attendance Data* button on the Administrator Form allows the class attendance for a term to be closed and summarised, greatly reducing the size of the **JSAS** database and improving its performance.

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Understanding the Summarise Attendance Data Programme

The *Summarise Attendance Data* programme reduces the size of the database by summarising the daily student attendance per term, per teacher and closes the term so no more changes can be made. The records are accessible through reports. This is an important maintenance tool to help enhance **JSAS** performance and keep the database at a manageable size.

If teachers keep their daily attendance records current, the summarisation can occur termly per teacher and the records will be available through report generation.

When a class attendance record is closed for a term the *Record Student Attendance* programme recognises the closure and lists the summary numbers in place of the individual students.

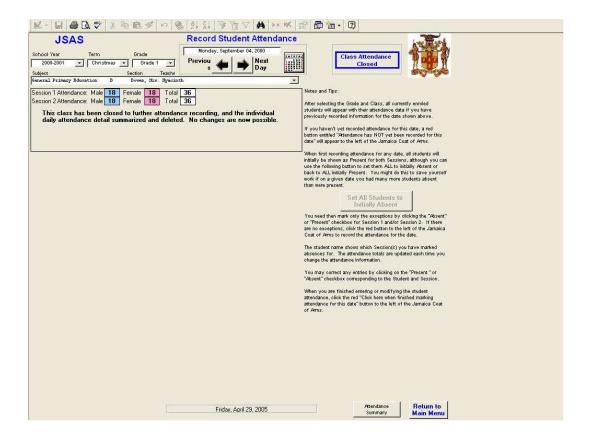


Figure 2.1

Running the Programme

The *Summarise Attendance Data* button is accessible under the *Administrator Mode* and located as shown in Figure 2.2.

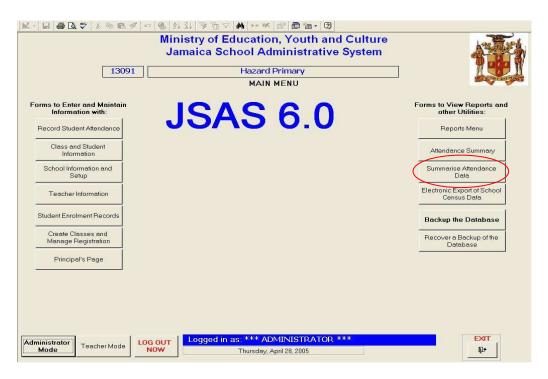


Figure 2.2

1. Click on the *Summarise Attendance Data* button to display the *Summarise Attendance Data* Form. (Figure 2.3)

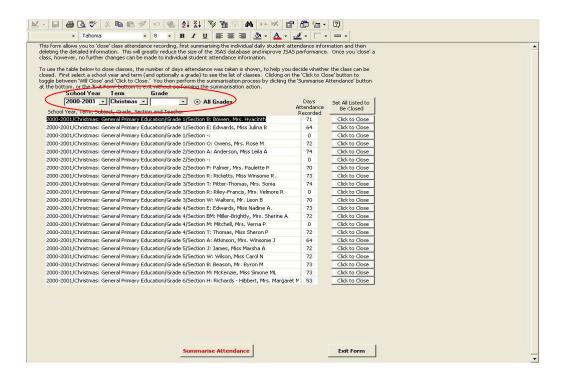


Figure 2.3

2. The attendance for the classes can be closed all at once for *All Grades* based on the *School Year* and the *Term* by leaving the form in its default setting. *All Grades* is the default as shown in Figure 2.4. If there is a specific class to close, choose the *School Year*, *Term* and *Grade* to filter out the other classes.

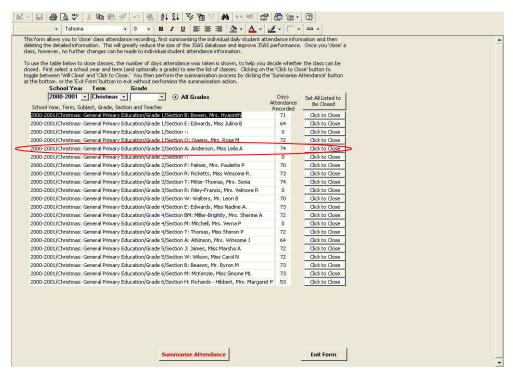


Figure 2.4

3. Once the class(es) are identified, click the *Click to Close* button. The entry line chosen will highlight yellow and the button changes to *Will Close* as shown in Figure 2.5.

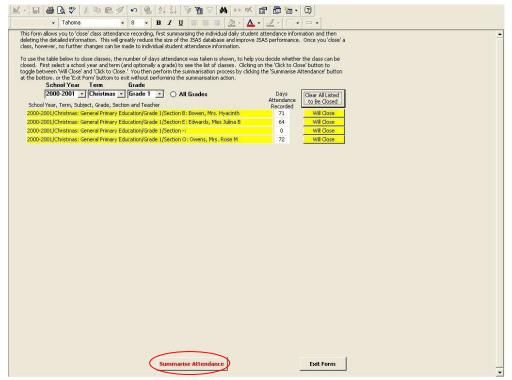


Figure 2.5

- 4. Review the highlighted records to ensure the correct classes that are to be closed. Once reviewed, click on the *Summarise Attendance* button as shown in Figure 2.5. A dialog box will appear. (Figure 2.6)
- 5. Click on *Yes* in the dialog box to run the *Summarise Attendance Data* programme on the specified class; *No* to stop the programme but stay in the *Summarise Attendance Data* form; *Cancel* to exit the entire programme.
 - N.B. A Re-verification dialog box appears in case the programme was run in error. This is necessary because **once the programme begins it should not be stopped** until it completes. The records will be permanently removed and summarised for future reports.

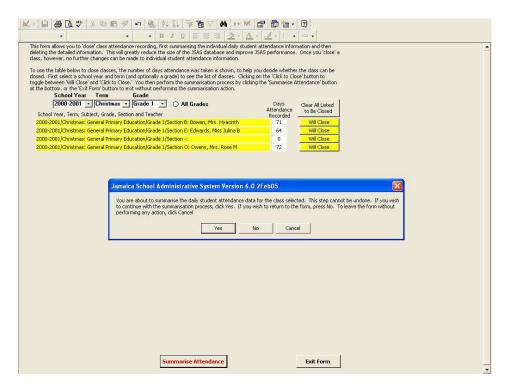


Figure 2.6

6. During the summarising process, an indicator shows the records currently processing and a gauge of where it is in the process. This should be actively showing information to help assess that the programme is running correctly. (Figure 2.7)

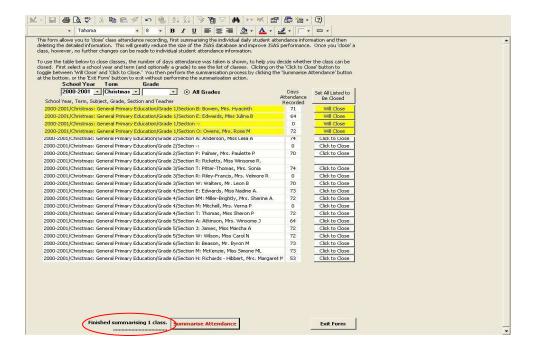


Figure 2.7

7. After the process is complete, the yellow highlights turn red and the buttons change to show *Closed*. The indicator shows the files are summarised and finished. A dialog box appears stating that the summarisation was successful as shown in Figure 2.8. Click the *Ok* button.

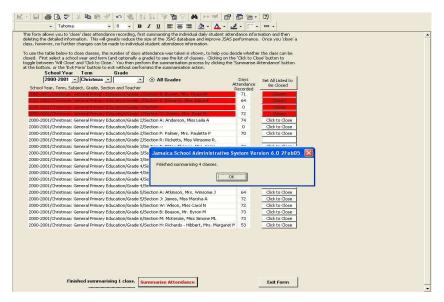


Figure 2.8

8. The process is complete. If an error dialog box appears as shown in Figure 2.9, click on *Drop Changes* and disregard it. This is an intermittent Programme error and should be fixed in a later version.

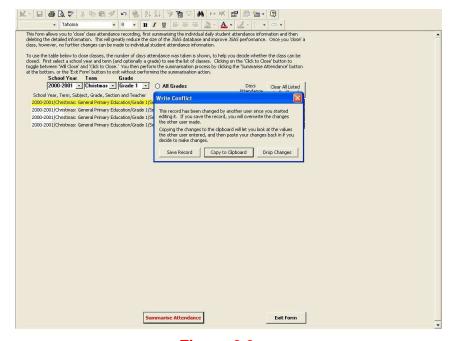


Figure 2.9





ELECTRONIC EXPORT OF ANNUAL SCHOOL CENSUS DATA

The *Electronic Export of Annual School Census Data* button generates a database and allows the Ministry of Education to generate reports and compare data across schools throughout country.

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Electronic Export of Annual School Census Data

• Run the Electronic Export of Annual School Census Data Programme

Run the Electronic Export of Annual Census Data Programme

1. Click on the *Electronic Export of Annual Census Data* button as shown in Figure 3.1 to display the *Electronic Export of Annual Census Data* Form.

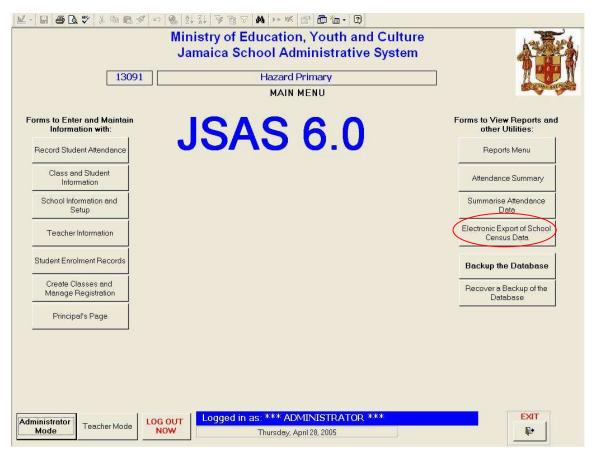


Figure 3.1

2. A dialog box appears asking for the *School Year* of the census information to be generated. (Figure 3.2)



Figure 3.2

3. Click on the down arrow list box and select the correct year. Click on the *Generate School Census File* button. (Figure 3.3)

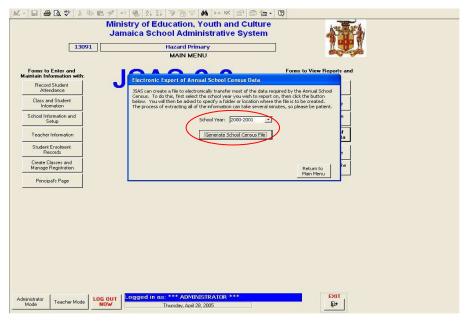


Figure 3.3

4. Another dialog box appears asking for the directory path to save the database. Click on the correct path and the *OK* button to save the database file. (Figure 3.4)

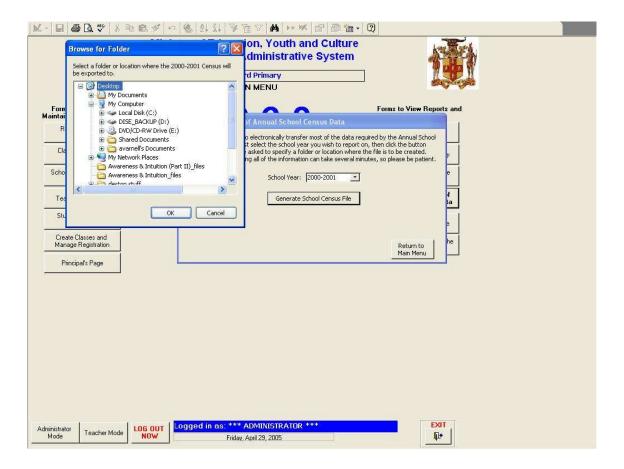


Figure 3.4

N.B. The file will be saved as a Microsoft Access Database. This file is password protected and cannot be opened except at the Ministry of Education, Youth and Culture. No changes can be made to this file.

- 5. Once the *OK* button is clicked, an indicator will track the progress of the export. A dialog box appears asking if the *Student-level Attendance* records are to be exported as shown in Figure 3.5.
- 6. Clicking *Yes* continues the export process to include the student-level attendance. Clicking *No* concludes the export process.



Figure 3.5

7. A dialog box appears as shown in Figure 3.6 indicating the export is complete. Click on *Return to Main Menu*.

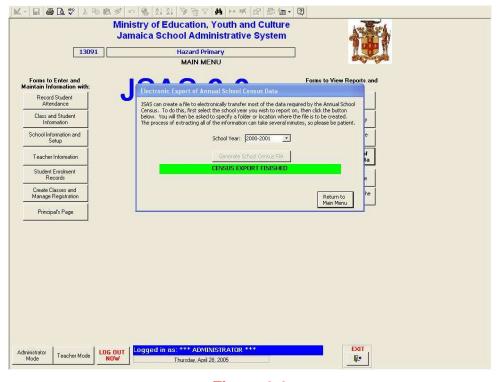


Figure 3.6





BACK UP AND RECOVERY OF THE DATABASE

This software has a built in backup and recovery facility. The backup is used to make a copy of the database in case there is a situation where data has been lost. The database can be retrieved.

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Backup and Recovery of the Database

- Backup of the Database
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Backup the Database

The **JSAS** software displays a dialog box asking to make a backup when a one hasn't been made within the three days as shown in Figure 4.1.

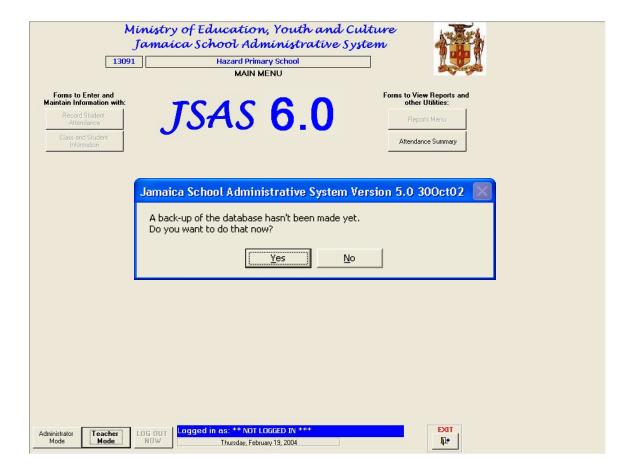


Figure 4.1

- 1. Click Yes to make a backup.
- 2. After making the backup, a message appears stating a backup was successfully created and asking if a copy of the backup is to be saved at another location on the computer.
- 3. This feature is available to enable external copies of the database to be kept on CD-ROM, DVD or on another memory disc. (Figure 4.2)

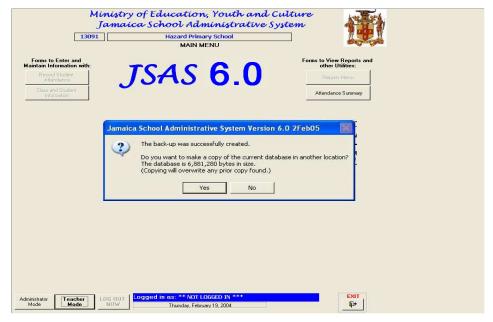


Figure 4.2

- 4. Click *Yes* to create another copy, *No* to close the dialog box.
- 5. If *Yes* was clicked, another dialog box appears asking for the directory path to save the file as shown in Figure 4.3.
- 6. Click on the correct path and the *OK* button to save the file.



Figure 4.3

7. A dialog box appears as shown in Figure 4.4 the success of the save and the path the file.

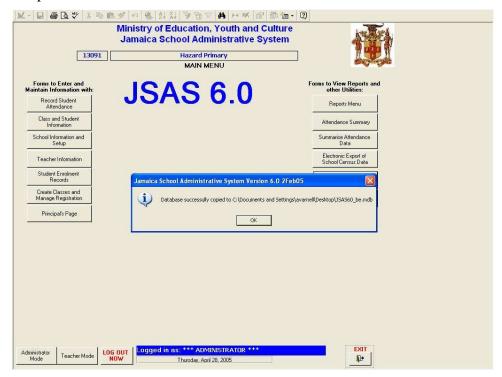


Figure 4.4

8. Click *OK* to close the dialog box.

Recovery of the Database

Recovery of a database can be made using the following steps:

1. Click on the *Recover a Backup of the Database* button to recover a backup as shown in Figure 4.5.

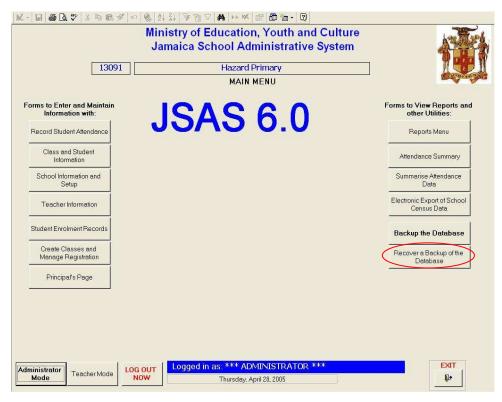


Figure 4.5

2. A form appears as shown in Figure 4.6. The last three backups are listed, in the order of newest to oldest, on the form. The date and time each backup was made is also listed.

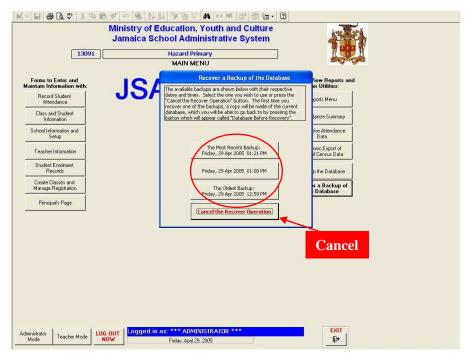


Figure 4.6

- 3. Click on the desired backup or click the *Cancel the Recovery Operation* button to cancel the recovery process. (Figure 4.6)
- 4. After selecting one of the backups, a message will appear stating the backup was successful. (Figure 4.7)

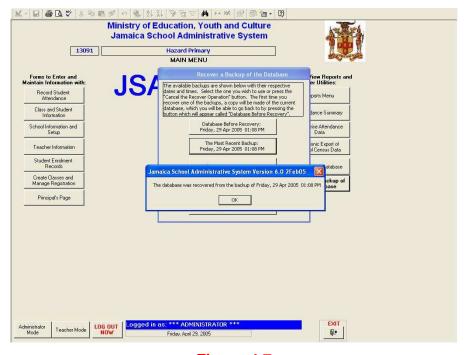


Figure 4.7

- 5. Click *OK* to record the changes.
- 6. The *Recover a Backup of the Database* form will then display an additional button that allows access to the database before the recovery. (Figure 4.8)

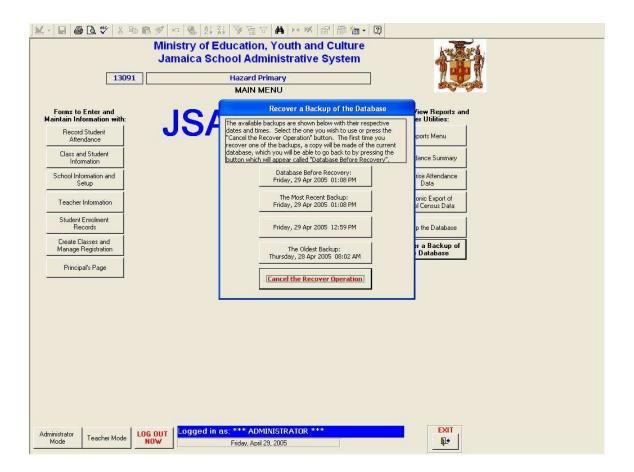


Figure 4.8

7. Click on the *Database Before Recovery* button to revert the database. A message appears as shown in Figure 4.9, stating the original was restored.

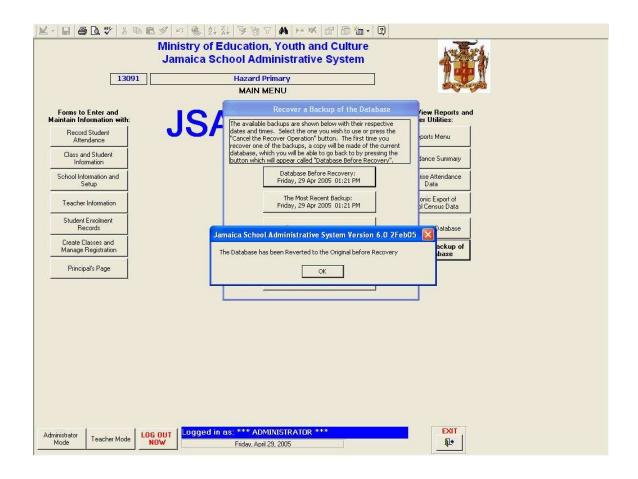


Figure 4.9

8. Click *OK* to record the changes using the reverted database.